

Call before you dig, IT'S FREE, AND IT'S THE LAW!









Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing and/or buried utility lines, always contact your state One-Call Center before engaging in any excavation, construction, farming or digging. Most states require 48 hours notice to the One-Call Center to allow the utility operators to mark their pipelines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts or drills within a pipeline right-of-way. By contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Sometimes pipeline companies will require a representative present to monitor the safe excavation.

Although dig laws vary from state-to-state, one common denominator to consider is if digging occurs without calling for locates, the cost to repair any damaged utility infrastructure will be borne by the party(s) responsible.

811 is a new federally-mandated number designated by the FCC to consolidate all local "Call Before You Dig" numbers and help save lives by minimizing damages to underground utilities. One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for **FREE**. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state One-Call Center. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines, and can continue your project by digging with care and respecting the marks. More information regarding 811 can be found at www.call811.com.



This color code chart will help determine which utilities have marked their underground utility lines.

-  **WHITE** - Proposed excavation
-  **PINK** - Temporary survey markings
-  **RED** - Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
-  **YELLOW** - Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
-  **ORANGE** - Communications alarm signal lines, cables or conduit
-  **BLUE** - Potable water lines
-  **PURPLE** - Reclaimed water, irrigation slurry lines
-  **GREEN** - Sewer lines

Washington Utility Notification Center: (800) 424-5555
www.callbeforeyoudig.org, 2 business days notice

For information on WA state law, contact the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at (360) 664-1115
www.wutc.wa.gov